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SUBJECT: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE - PROPOSAL THAT UN PAY FULL
COST OF MEETINGS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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1. THE INITIATIVE OF SOME PROMINENT LDC'S, PARTICULARLY EGYPT AND INDIA, TO OPEN THE DOOR WIDE TO FUTURE FINANCING BY THE UN OF THE ENTIRE EXTRA COST OF HOLDING UN CONFERENCES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, HAS COLLAPSED FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR. THE INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 9 THAT HE WOULD NOT PROPOSE ANY AMENDMENT TO THE PATTERN OF CONFERENCES RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT. SINCE NONE OF THE OTHER DELEGATIONS WHO HAD SPOKEN OUT IN FAVOR OF AN AMENDMENT, SUCH AS EGYPT, GHANA, KENYA, AND YUGOSLAVIA, PLACED ANY PROPOSALS ON THE TABLE, THE PATTERN OF CONFERENCES RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED WITH THE PRINCIPLE STILL INTACT THAT HOST COUNTRIES FOR CONFERENCES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE EXTRA COSTS.

2. THE PRINCIPLE HAS OF COURSE BEEN ERODED BY OCCASIONAL AD HOC EXCEPTIONS, THE LATEST OF WHICH WAS THE AGREEMENT THAT THE UN
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WOULD FINANCE ONE-HALF THE EXTRA COSTS OF HOLDING THE 1978

RACISM CONFERENCE IN ACCRA, WHICH ALSO WENT THROUGH THE FIFTH COMMITTEE DECEMBER 9. HOWEVER, IT IS HELPFUL THAT STRONG RESERVATIONS OF US AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES CONCERNING THIS EXCEPTION WERE PLACED ON THE RECORD BOTH IN THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES. WE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT THE PRINCIPLE WILL AGAIN BE CHALLENGED IN THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES NEXT YEAR AS PRELUDE TO ANOTHER ASSAULT ON IT AT THE 32ND GA.

3. MISSION APPRECIATES EFFORTS MADE BY DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSIES CAIRO AND NEW DELHI TO BLOCK INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENT, WHICH UNQUESTIONABLY CONTRIBUTED TO FAVORABLE OUTCOME.
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